

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Botstein, et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C42  
Serial No.: 09/997,666 Group Art Unit: 1647  
Filing Date: November 15, 2001 Examiner: DeBerry, Regina M.  
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

**MS: AF**  
Commissioner for Patent  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 15, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for the response hence no fees are believed to be due.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.